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Friars Receive NCAA Bid: PC Faces UAB Thursday in Birmingham

by Pat Nero

On Sunday the Providence College Men's Basketball team received their first NCAA Tournament bid in nine years. The Friars will travel to Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday to face the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers. The game will begin at 9:37 pm (10:37 Providence College Time). The game should be televised locally but nothing definite has been made at this time.

The Friars (21-8), who are seeded sixth in the southeast region, will have the task of facing the Blazers (21-10), who are seeded 11th in the region, on their home court. The game will be played in the 17,000 seat Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. The Blazers have proven to be very tough on their home court, posting an impressive 120-29 record there.

Though it will be a tough game it is definitely one that the Friars can win. PC has proven all year long that it is a top team and that it can win on the road. They have won seven of seven games played away from the Civic Center, including routs of Holy Cross, Villanova and last week St. John's.

UAB is a team very similar to Providence. They like to run and have extremely talented guards in 6-4 Tracy Foster and 6-7 James Ponder. The Blazers' starting front line consists of three 6-8 players. Forwards Reginald Turner and Larry Rembert, along with center Eddie Collins give UAB a solid line. The Blazers' usually only go three deep on the bench. When the starters need a break Head Coach Gene Barlow will go with either Michael Charles or Dylan Howard

at forward and 7-1 freshman Alan Ogg at center.

Foster leads UAB in scoring with an average of 17.5. He was the Most Valuable Player of last week's Sun Belt Conference Tournament. In the Tournament, Foster scored 28 points in a semifinal victory over Jacksonville and 23 in the title game against host Western Kentucky. After finishing third in the Sun Belt regular season UAB won the post-season tournament to gain an automatic NCAA bid. Their seventh consecutive NCAA appearance.

Ponder is the Blazers leading three point shooter. So far this season he has shot 59 for 142 from three point range. Though he is the Blazer leader in this category his numbers don't even come close to the Friars top two gunners, Ernie Lewis and Billy Donovan. Lewis and Donovan have thrown in 83 bombs each this season and Delray Brooks has chipped in another 55 three-point missiles.

Collins, who along with Ponder and Foster was named to the all-conference second team, averaged 12 points and a team leading 7.7 rebounds. The sixth man, Charles, is averaging 9.6 points and 3.4 rebounds a game. Howard is usually second off the bench. He is averaging 5.2 points and 4.3 rebounds. Although Ogg is bigger than anyone the Friars may throw up against him, he is not a dominating player. Ogg has scored just 2.1 points and pulled down 2.3 rebounds.

According to USA Today the Friars are facing 50:1 odds to become national champions, UAB faces odds of 25:1. In the latest USA Today computer rankings the

Friars were ranked 20th and the Blazers 64th.

If PC is fortunate to get by UAB they will face the winner of the game between Illinois and Austin Peay, who will face each other in Birmingham before the Providence game on Thursday night. The second game would be Saturday afternoon in Birmingham and carried on CBS at 4:30. Illinois is the third seed in the region and Austin Peay the 14th seed. Other games in Birmingham will be played Thursday afternoon. In the first game New Orleans (25-3, seeded seventh) will face Brigham Young (21-10, seeded 10th) at noon. At 2:00 Alabama (26-4, seeded second) will tip off against North Carolina A&T (24-5, seeded 15th). The winners of these two games will meet Saturday prior to the 4:30 game.

The Southeast regional final will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, next weekend. The regional will include the two winners from Birmingham along with winners from opening round games in Atlanta. These four teams will play for the right to advance to the FINAL FOUR in New Orleans March 28-30.

The games in Atlanta (the other opening round site for the Southeast region) will provide the following matchups: No. 1 seed Georgetown vs. No. 16 seed Bucknell; No. 8 seed Kentucky vs. No. 9 seed Ohio State; No. 5 seed Kansas vs. No. 12 seed Houston; and No. 4 seed Clemson vs. No. 13 seed SW Missouri State.

So as you can see a march through the Southeast to New Orleans will not be an easy one. But this Providence team has proven all year that they are a team that belongs. Though they have

gotten some respect, it is obvious by the decision of the NCAA selection committee to place the Friars

against a lower seed on that lower seeds home court, there are still a lot of disbeliefers out there.

ILLINOIS

Champion: 34,500 students
Coach: Lou Henson
All: All-sec
Records: 25-7
Starters: F. Karl Norman (6-8, Sr.); C. Jerry Kullmer (7-6, So.); G. Doug Allenberger (6-4, Sr.); G. Tony Wyszynski (6-10, Sr.); G. Mike Barbo (6-6, Jr.)
Injuries: None
Last in NCAA: 1986, lost to Alabama in Southeast second round
Top scorer: Norman (20.9 ppg); rebounder: Norman (9.7 rpg); 3-point shooter: Allenberger (70-145, 50.0%)
Avg. pts. per 40 min: 70.5
PG pct: 50.9; FT 71.2; Def. Pct. 44.8
3-point shooter: 7.7; pgt. 47.7
Outlook: Team that appeared a notch below the best earlier — losing twice to both Iowa and Purdue, once to Indiana and North Carolina — coming out late. In last upset Indiana and blow out Michigan and regular season. Norman one of country's top players. Allenberger and Wyszynski excellent complimentary guards. Can they keep it up?

ASTORIA BEAL

Champion: 7,000 students
Coach: Luke Kahn
All: Ohio Valley Conference tournament
Records: 15-11
Starters: F. Lawrence Mitchell (6-3, Sr.); F. Tony Ray (6-4, Jr.); G. Danny Bedford (6-4, Sr.); G. Mike Hoke (6-2, Sr.)
Injuries: Bedford playing on sprained ankle
Last in NCAA: Lost in 1974 to Notre Dame 106-95 in first round
Top scorer: Mitchell (21.8 ppg); rebounder: Bedford (7.1 rpg); 3-point shooter: Vincent Collins (44-84, 48.9%)
Avg. pts. per 40 min: 70.5
PG pct: 46.1; FT 71.2; Def. Pct. 51.1
3-point PG attempts per game: 8.7; pct. 42.4
Outlook: Tough non-conference games helped forge mental toughness that will aid in big commodities in at three OVC tournament games.

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham: 14,500 students
Coach: Gene Barlow
All: Sun Belt Conference tournament
Records: 21-10
Starters: F. Reginald Turner (6-8, So.); F. Larry Hambrick (6-8, Jr.); C. Eddie Collins (6-8, Jr.); G. Tracy Foster (6-4, Sr.); G. James Ponder (6-1, Sr.)
Injuries: None
Last in NCAA: 1986, lost to North Carolina in West second round
Top scorer: Foster (17.5 ppg); rebounder: Collins (7.7 rpg); 3-point shooter: Ponder (59-142, 41.5%)
Avg. pts. per 40 min: 72.1
PG pct: 45.5; FT 75.3; Def. Pct. 48.1
3-point shooter: 12.5; pgt. 58.6
Outlook: Guards Ponder and Foster were the key to its success, accounting for 40 percent of its points. Ended season with five-game winning streak and Sun Belt Conference tournament after finishing third in regular season.

PROVIDENCE

Providence, R.I.: 3,800 students
Coach: Fred Pincio
All: All-sec
Records: 21-8
Starters: F. Dave Koller (6-7, Sr.); F. Ernie Lewis (6-4, Sr.); C. Jackie Ours (6-11, Jr.); G. Billy Barlow (6-8, Jr.); G. Billy Donovan (6-4, Sr.)
Injuries: Reserve guard Carlton Screen unavailable after injury knee in Big East tournament
Last in NCAA: 1979 lost to Michigan State in Midwest first round
Top scorer: Donovan (20.1 ppg); rebounder: Koller (6.8 rpg); 3-point shooter: Lewis (17.7, 45.7%)
Avg. pts. per 40 min: 77.8
PG pct: 44.3; FT 70.4; Def. Pct. 45.3
3-point shooter: 7.0; pgt. 41.2
Outlook: If three-pointers keep falling, Friars could pull off some upsets. Providence plays a half-court press and running game, but lacks a lot of great athletes. Call it a poor man's Georgetown. Team looks to Donovan, a classic over-scholar, to make things happen. Brooks and a solid year after transferring from Indiana.

NCAA: The Southeast regional

Providence (21-8)
Birmingham, Mar. 12
Ala.-Birmingham (21-10)

Birmingham, Mar. 14

Illinois (23-7)
Birmingham, Mar. 12
Austin Peay (19-11)

Louisville, Ky.
March 23

New Orleans (25-3)
Birmingham, Mar. 12
Brigham Young (21-10)

Birmingham, Mar. 14

Alabama (26-4)
Birmingham, Mar. 12
N. Carolina A&T (24-5)

Georgetown (26-4)
Atlanta, Mar. 12
Bucknell (22-8)

Kentucky (18-10)
Atlanta, Mar. 12
Ohio State (19-12)

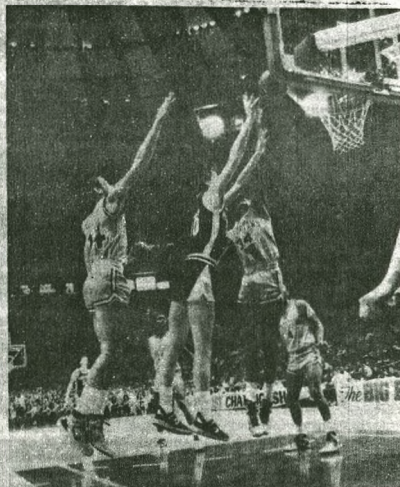
Louisville, Ky.
March 23

Kansas (23-10)
Atlanta, Mar. 12
Houston (18-11)

Atlanta, Mar. 15

Clemson (25-5)
Atlanta, Mar. 12
S.W. Missouri St. (27-4)

Southeast Regional winner
faces East winner



Freshman Marty Conlon takes the ball to the hoop over Tournament MVP Reggie Lewis of Georgetown in Providence's semi-final loss in the BIG EAST Tournament. (Photo by Joseph E. Gaines)

NCAA: The West regional

UNLV (53-1) Salt Lake City, Mar. 12 Idaho State (15-15)	Salt Lake City, Mar. 14		
Georgia (18-11) Salt Lake City, Mar. 12 Kansas State (19-10)			
Virginia (21-9) Salt Lake City, Mar. 12 Wyoming (22-9)		Seattle, Wash. March 20	
UCLA (24-6) Salt Lake City, Mar. 12 Central Mich. (22-7)	Salt Lake City, Mar. 14		
Ok.ahoma (22-9) Tucson, Mar. 13 Tulsa (22-7)	Tucson, Mar. 15	Seattle, Wash. March 22	
Pittsburgh (24-7) Tucson, Mar. 13 Marist (20-8)			
Texas-E Paso (24-6) Tucson, Mar. 13 Arizona (18-11)	Tucson, Mar. 15	Seattle, Wash. March 20	
Iowa (27-4) Tucson, Mar. 13 Santa Clara (18-13)			

NCAA: The Midwest regional

Indiana (24-4) Indianapolis, Mar. 12 Fairfield (15-15)	Indianapolis, Mar. 14		
Auburn (17-12) Indianapolis, Mar. 12 San Diego (24-5)		Cincinnati March 19	
Duke (22-8) Indianapolis, Mar. 12 Texas A&M (17-13)	Indianapolis, Mar. 14		
Missouri (24-9) Indianapolis, Mar. 12 Xavier, Ohio (18-12)		Cincinnati March 21	
St. John's (20-8) Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 13 Wichita State (22-10)	Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 15		
Du'Paul (28-2) Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 13 La. Tech (22-7)		Cincinnati March 19	
Ga. Tech (15-12) Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 13 La. State (21-14)	Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 15		
Temple (21-3) Rosemont, Ill., Mar. 13 Southern (19-11)			

NCAA: The East regional

North Carolina (29-3) Charlotte, Mar. 12 Perry (15-1)	Charlotte, Mar. 14		
Navy (20-6) Charlotte, Mar. 12 Michigan (19-11)		E. Rutherford, N.J. March 19	
Notre Dame (22-7) Charlotte, Mar. 12 Mt. Tenn. St. (22-6)	Charlotte, Mar. 14		
Texas Christian (23-6) Charlotte, Mar. 12 Marshall (25-5)		E. Rutherford, N.J. March 21	
Florida (21-10) Syracuse, Mar. 13 W.C. Caine (20-14)	Syracuse, Mar. 15		
Purdue (24-4) Syracuse, Mar. 13 Northwestern (27-6)		E. Rutherford, N.J. March 19	
W. Virginia (23-7) Syracuse, Mar. 13 W. Kentucky (28-6)	Syracuse, Mar. 15		
Syracuse (28-6) Syracuse, Mar. 13 Ga. Southern (20-10)			



Providence Head Coach Rick Pitino talks to reporters after the Friars lost to Georgetown in the semifinals of the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden. (Photo by Joseph E. Gaines)

Hoyas Stop Friars In Semifinals of Big East Tourney

by Sean P. Sweeney
illustration

The Providence College Friars had their hands full on Saturday, March 7th when they faced the Georgetown Hoyas in the semifinal round of the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City. In fact, too full, as the Friars dropped a battle of the press to the powerhouse from Washington, D.C., 84-66.

Providence Head Coach Rick Pitino cited fatigue and a lack of backcourt substitution as the result of an injury to Carlton Screen in the first half of the St. John's game as major factors in the disappointing Providence loss.

"I think we were tired from a lack of substitutes in the backcourt. Billy (Donovan) needs to go to two guard for a few minutes for a breather," explained Pitino in a post-game press conference.

Rebounding was also a factor in the loss as Georgetown outmuscled the Friars and pulled down 37 boards against PC's 22.

Like the two previous games between Providence and Georgetown earlier in the year, this game was a battle between two pressing teams with potentially explosive offenses.

The difference in this one was defense.

"I think the difference in this one was that we were able to put two halves of defense together and that helped us win," commented Georgetown Head Coach John Thompson in a post-game interview.

Georgetown fought very hard to shut down the outside shooting game of the Friars which had been instrumental in beating the Hoyas earlier in the season at the Providence Civic Center.

"I told my perimeter guys to stick with their men outside and I told the post people to give the support and had the perimeter people stay home," added Thompson in further post-game comments.

Providence came out quickly in the first half as Detray Brooks canned a three-pointer following two from the charity stripe for Dave Kipfer and the Friars took a 5-0 lead. It was, however, the only substantial lead of the night for Providence.

After Bobby Winston stole the ball and hit a jumper at the 16:23 mark to tie the game at nine, Georgetown proceeded to build what appeared to be an insurmountable lead.

Senior forward Reggie Williams was the chief spokesman for the Hoyas offense as his three pointer and two breakaway dunks over the next seven minutes determined the tempo for the remainder of the game and made the eventual outcome of the game appear as an inevitable end.

Detray Brooks and Billy Donovan had three-pointers during that same stretch but two Winston jumpers and a Charles Smith basket from the left corner gave the Hoyas a ten point lead, 28-18, at the 9:28 mark.

Eleven points between Brooks and freshman forward Marty Conlon helped chip away at the Hoyas lead but Georgetown was able to take a seven point lead into the lockerroom at halftime, 40-33.

Evidence of the excellent defense of Georgetown was the poor shooting percentage by the Friars in the first half (38 percent). Georgetown was also able to score 12 turnover points in the first half as opposed to only seven by the Friars who rely heavily upon this aspect of their game.

Dave Kipfer came into the second half as the spark for the Friars



Dave Kipfer has perfect form from the Charity Stripe as seen from the rafters of the Providence Civic Center. (Photo by Joe Gaines)

Quarterfinal Action A Thriller As PC Trounces St. John's

by Sean P. Sweeney

"Over the years you get shellacked, and I think tonight was a good shellacking," St. John's Head Coach Lou Carnesecca made no excuses and pointed no fingers on Friday night after his Redmen were scalped by the Providence Friars in the quarterfinal round of the BIG EAST Tournament at Madison Square Garden, 80-51.

Providence and St. John's came into the game with identical 20-7 overall records and 10-6 BIG EAST marks but the Friars had the regular season edge, 2-0 after defeating the Redmen 93-81 (OT) in Providence and 79-78 at St. John's.

The win was the direct result of excellent defense by the relentless pressing Friars.

"Providence is for real."

—Lou Carnesecca

"I think that we played as well defensively in our matchup as we had all year," explained Providence Head Coach Rick Pitino in a post-game press conference. The Friars kept both of the Redmen's biggest threats in check as senior guard Mark Jackson was held scoreless in the first half and forward Willie Glass was limited to 12 points in the game.

Jackson, who was hampered by an ankle twist in the first half, was able to score 17 second half points but had no assists. His one assist in the game was well below his six plus average on the season. Jackson was Pitino's biggest concern going into the third game bet-

ween the two teams.

"We're concerned with continually turning them over and making sure Mark Jackson isn't an All-American at the end of the game," explained Pitino in a pre-game press conference.

In addition to limiting Jackson's role as a playmaker, Providence forced the Redmen to turn the ball over a total of 13 times. In one final defensive aspect of the game, Providence outmuscled St. John's on the glass and pulled down 30 defensive rebounds against the Redmen's 21.

Enough said about defense because this was also an offensive clinic run by Providence's Billy Donovan. The senior guard had four three-pointers and was a perfect eight for eight from the foul line as he scored a new tournament record 34 points. Donovan, along with fellow backcourt man Delray Brooks, shared the rebounding high for the game as they each pulled down six boards.

"Tonight I just tried to run the offense and pass the ball, and take the shots when they were there. I was able to open up the screens. I really have to give a lot of credit to my teammates," explained Donovan in a post-game interview.

Donovan did it all on Friday as he hit runners, lay-ups, three-pointers and just about anything else imaginable.

"All the accolades he gets are just understating the fact because he is just tremendous," said Pitino following Donovan's performance against St. John's. Pitino, who cites Donovan's blinding quickness and just about anything else imaginable, believes Donovan has the potential

to be a professional basketball player.

Donovan and Brooks combined for 17 first-half points as the Friars went into the lockerroom at halftime with a 34-26 edge. Center Steve Wright was a factor in the first half for the Friars as he pulled down four boards and scored some key baskets.

The real show came in the second half as Providence outscored St. John's 45-26 and ran away with the game. A Donovan runner just before the seven minute mark gave the Friars the 56-46 edge and it began a Providence offensive surge which culminated in the 29 point whitewashing of the Redmen.

Providence did suffer a important loss in the game when freshman guard Carlton Screen tore cartilage in his knee and had to leave the game. The injury will sideline the Friars' only backup point guard for the remainder of the season and raises a few questions as to how Pitino will adjust his offense for NCAA tournament play.

The win was particularly satisfying for the Friars as the Redmen were the defending Tournament Champions. It also convinced a few doubting fans around the BIG EAST that the Friars are an explosive team well deserving of the national recognition they have gotten this season.

"Providence is for real," explained Carnesecca after the game. That is high praise from a man who has won two BIG EAST Tournaments and has a career coaching record of 422-143.

Racquetball Championships

The 1987 Northeast Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships will take place at the Petrie Recreation Center on the Providence College campus March 13-15, 1987.

The tournament promises to be an exciting weekend as over 150 players grapple it out for the top prizes. Racquetball powerhouse, Penn State, will be competing against the league leader State University of New York-Albany.

Friars End Regular Season at 20-7

by Sean P. Sweeney

The Providence College Friars entered the BIG EAST Tournament last weekend with a 20-7 overall record and a 10-6 BIG EAST mark. The Friars split their last two regular season games.

On February 28, Providence traveled to the Capital Centre in Maryland to take on the rolling Georgetown Hoyas and came away with only their sixth loss in the BIG EAST, 90-79.

Rebounding and poor shooting percentage by the Friars were the difference in this one. The Friars were outscored by Georgetown 51-28 and the excellent defensive pressure of the Hoyas forced 13 PC turnovers and helped account for Providence's 28 percent and 37 percent shooting from the field in the first half and for the game respectively.

Reggie Williams, Georgetown's only senior, had game highs of 24 points and 9 rebounds in his last game at the Cap Centre. In addition, the Hoyas were able to spread out control of the boards as Perry McDonald grabbed nine. Jason Jackson had eight, and Bobby Winston contributed another six. In addition to his points and boards, Williams had four steals as he dominated the matchup between Providence and Georgetown.

Providence did however get a performance from Billy Donovan who had 21 points and 10 assists before fouling out of the game with six seconds remaining. Donovan had three three-pointers, was eight for eight from the charity stripe and his ten assists helped Ernie Lewis and Delray Brooks score 18 points and 12 points respectively.

In a press conference at the BIG EAST Tournament in New York, Head Coach Rick Pitino commented on Donovan's performance.

"After watching the films of that game, I have to believe that that was Billy's best game. He could have had 25 assists that game if we made our shots and caught some of his passes. He made some incredible passes."

by Sean P. Sweeney

On a more positive note, the Friars rolled to a seventh point victory over Villanova in their final game of the regular season and recorded win number twenty for the season.

Providence relied on seniors Dave Kipper and Billy Donovan in the 97-60 victory over the Wildcats as both had strong offensive performances.

The game, which was the last home game for Providence seniors Donovan, Kipper, Ernie "Pop" Lewis and Jaack Duda, began with an introduction of the seniors and a presentation of flowers to their mothers at center court.

The Friars outscored Villanova in the first half, 44-34, as they shot 43 percent from the field and forced 12 Wildcat turnovers. Lewis was a defensive spark for Providence as he collected three steals in just eleven minutes of playing time. As Lewis sparked the first half defense, Kipper sparked the

Local interest will surround the Providence College team. PC is favored to do well in the regionals and to be a strong contender in the National Tournament March 27-29 in Denver, CO.

Competition runs from 6-9 p.m. on Friday; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m.-early afternoon on Sunday. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

For more information contact John Colaninzi at 617-922-9985.

first half offense. Kipper was six for nine from the field and a perfect five for five from the free throw line as he tallied 17 points in the half. Villanova Head Coach Rollie Massimino was full of praise for the dominant Kipper after the game.

"He just took it right over us, plain and simple, right over us," commented the Wildcat coach in a post-game press conference.

Providence Coach Rick Pitino had similar praise for Kipper but he expressed it a little differently.

"I told Marty Condon, your goal must be to be a 6'10" version of Dave Kipper and you'll be an All-American," explained Pitino following the game.

Donovan had an incredible seven assists in the first half and his two three-pointers helped him score 18 points in the first half. For Donovan however, the second half was the story.

Donovan shot over eighty percent from the floor in the second half as he had twenty second half points while pacing the Friars offense.

"I really think he is the best guard in the country. With Billy you know he can automatically break someone's press or if he's fouled you know he'll hit the foul shots," explained Pitino after the game.

Donovan ended the game with a game high 11 assists. Delray Brooks, the recipient of many of those assists, contributed 16 points to the Friar output.

Doug West led Wildcat scorers with 19 points and Mark Plensky and Harold Jensen both scored double figures.

The Friar win was indeed the perfect end to a very successful season. In the words of Massimino, "They played an outstanding game." Not only that, but they played an outstanding season.

* GEORGETOWN, from pg. 2

as his four points to open up the half cut the lead to three. It was however, a short lived run at the Hoyas as Williams and Perry McDonald dominated the glass and increased the Georgetown lead to 14 by the 14:43 mark.

Georgetown continued to push the lead up as the Hoyas led by twenty, 68-48, by the nine minute mark as Smith hit the three point line twice.

Providence tried to stay in the game over the last five minutes but Georgetown, historically a poor shooting team, maintained the lead at the charity stripe. Donovan and Kipper continued to play well in these final minutes but it was not to be.

Georgetown scored eight points on Providence turnovers en route to the 84-66 win and was able to outscore the Friars 16-9. By virtue of the win, Georgetown advanced to the Tournament Championship game on Sunday when they defeated the Orangemen of Syracuse University and took home their fifth BIG EAST Tournament Championship.

Despite the loss, Providence received an NCAA bid.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (1986-87)

WED. 22 LAST 8 1986 EAST 10-6
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PC TOTALS	29	845	1889	44.7	235	546	41.1	584	76.0	354	614	1056	34.4	832	41	404	245	425
BIG EAST	14	449	1830	42.6	129	310	41.0	296	372	80.1	181	317	546	34.1	485	20	242	154

PC OPPONENTS	29	334	1556	46.0	87	264	32.7	61	101.2									
BIG EAST	14	416	863	40.2	32	110	29.1	803	592	473	322	411	1043	36.7	665	28	404	149

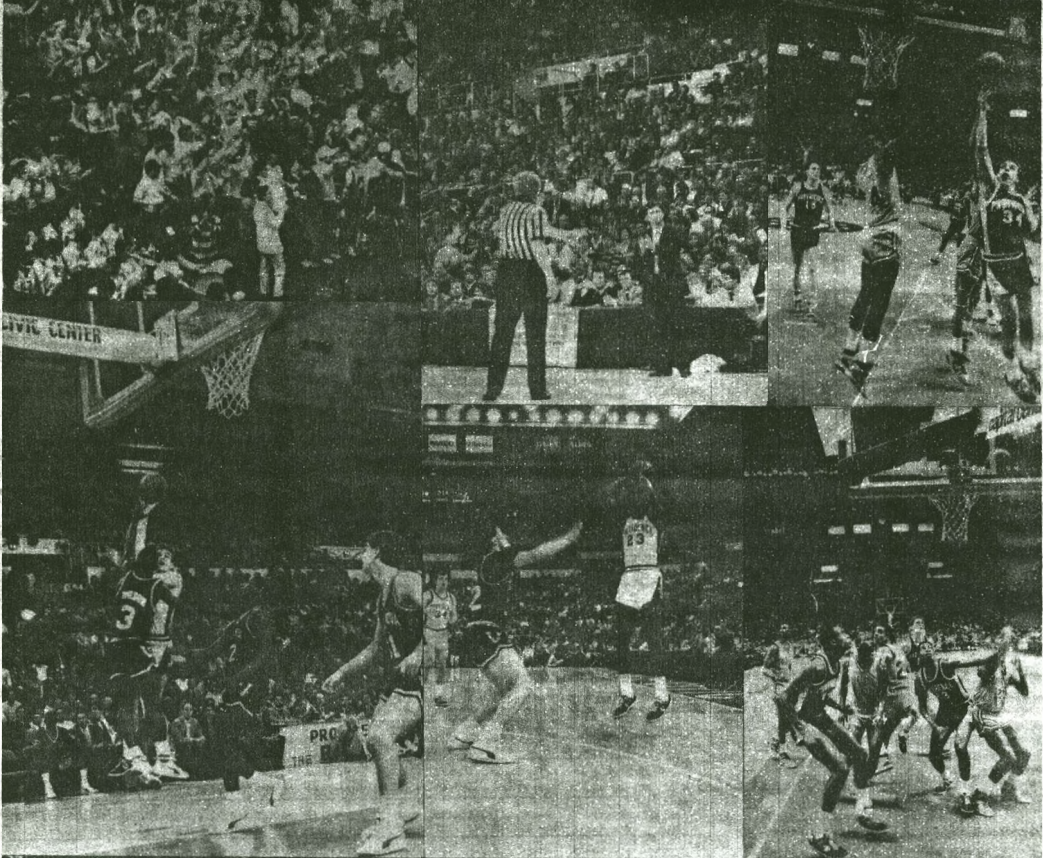
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Some Basketball Snapshots...

Photos by Joseph E. Gaines

Special Thanks to Mary Ann Doyle





Lady Friars Ousted In Big East Semifinals

When the Lady Friar basketball team entered this year's BIG EAST Championships in Villanova, Pennsylvania two weekends ago as No. 2 seed (21-6), they were the odds on favorite to clash in the finals with No. 1 seed Villanova (24-3).

Odds on favorite or not, Providence finished with a 10-10 record in quarterfinal opponent Georgetown (No. 7) and then face the winner of the Syracuse (No. 3)-Boston College (No. 6) game. PC was 1-1 against Syracuse on the season and 2-0 against Boston. That an issue could be made as to the tougher opponent, the Lady Friars realized the Eagles (15-11) had the potential to upset Syracuse and provide a stumbling block for PC, who was looking to advance to its second conference tournament final in two years. PC handily defeated Georgetown 71-56 in the quarters and watched BC upset Syracuse, 61-52, setting up a PC-BC semifinal.

No truer was the adage that repetition, like friction, is likely to create heat instead of progress. For the Lady Friars, who already had beaten the Eagles twice during the regular season, 73-72 (in Boston) and 87-86 (in Providence), the third meeting did indeed create a heated exchange between the two clubs and little progress for PC. Boston, who felt victim to the one-point syndrome against the Lady Friars all season long, returned the favor converting on a three-point play with six seconds left in the game outlasting Providence, 63-64.

Tournament Eye-Openers
Since the BIG EAST Conference initiated the women's hoop tournament for the 1982-83 season, PC and BC have tangled with each other in the conference tournament four times. Going into this year's championships, PC led its playoff series against BC, 2-1.

As the tournament's No. 1 seed at the 1982-83 championships, Providence sent Boston (No. 8 seed) packing, 56-38, in the quarters. (PC lost 74-63 to St. John's in the finals.) In the 1983-84 tournament, No. 6 seed PC again lost to No. 3 seed St. John's, 68-52, this time in the quarters. (That year, BC lost, 52-51, in the first round to Connecticut.) The 1984-85 playoff picture for PC was another running-in-place effort. Seeded No. 6, the Lady Friars lost in the quarters to

No. 3 seed Boston College, 73-59. (Villanova then defeated BC in the semi's, 66-57).

Enter 1985-86...the year of vindication for the Lady Friars. As if divine Providence had intervened, the Lady Friars reigned supreme as the BIG EAST Conference regular season champs (14-2) and the tournament's No. 1 seed. PC defeated Georgetown, 88-53 in the quarters and then eliminated BC in the semi's, 95-78. Villanova picked up its first BIG EAST title with a 71-60 win over PC. (St. John's is the only team to win back-to-back BIG EAST titles, 1983 and 1984. Syracuse took the tournament title in 1985.) PC has appeared in only two BIG EAST Conference finals, 1983 and 1986.

The Game
Save for the first half with Providence enjoying a seven point, 31-24 halftime lead—its biggest lead against the Eagles this year—the remainder of the game was one of intestinal fortitude for coaches, players and spectators alike.

Unlike the last two PC-BC meetings, which saw three and five PC players in double figures, the semifinal matchup saw only two Lady Friars scoring double digits—senior tri-captains and all-America candidates Mary Burke, tied the game-high 21 points and Doris Sable, the game's second-highest scorer with 17 points—as compared to four for BC; namely, Pam Thornton (21 points), Kathy Sweet (16 points), Carla Wenger (11 points) and Ann Oddy (10 points).

PC Breaks to an Eleven Point Lead

As Burke and Sable had given the Lady Friars an 11 point lead on three occasions in the closing minutes of the first half, freshman Helen Jesse and Andrea Mangum did the same in the early going of the second half. In the first half, both teams were nearly evenly matched with PC shooting 34.8 percent from the field as opposed to BC's 32.2 percent. Whatever the eagles lost from the field, they seemed to make up at the line going 4 of 5 (80.0 percent) in the first half to PC's 1 or 2.

Counting down with 10 minutes in regulation play, the game was a nailbiter. With Providence ahead by 10, 46-36, BC's Thornton made a three-point play at 10:21 putting her club within striking distance of the Lady Friars since the seven-point halftime deficit. Burke scored

her 16th point of the game at 9:02 making it 50-41. Thirteen seconds later BC's Kathy Sweet (16 points) cut the lead to seven, 50-43.

Eagles Tie Game for First Time

From 8:14 to 3:52, the Eagles made a run at the lead, outscoring PC 10 points to three tying the game for the first time at 53-53. PC countered with a Mary Burke three-point play at 3:40 giving the Lady Friars a cushion, 56-53. In the next minute and 13 seconds, PC scowled back and forth from three-point to a five-point lead and back to three with Providence finally coming to rest on a three-point lead, 60-57, at 2:01.

First Lead of the Game Proves Enough for BC

A bucket by Sweet with 45 seconds remaining shortened the PC lead to one, 60-59. Burke made it 62-59 at the 29 second mark with a 13 footer, but BC's Thornton countered with a drive down the middle cutting the lead-margin to one, 62-61. With 20 seconds left, Sable hit the front end of a one-and-one at the line for a two-point PC lead, 63-61.

At the six second mark, BC's Sweet gave the Eagles their first lead of the game and the eventual game-winner when she turned in a three-point play for the win. Boston picked up the slack in the second half outshooting the Lady Friars from the field, 15 of 30 and 14 of 30 respectively. The Eagles went to the line 11 times in the second half converting on ten trips, PC was four of eight at the line. The Providence shooters hit two cold spells in the second half between 15:25 and 12:42 and again between 7:47 and 3:40.



Andrea Mangum finished the regular season averaging nine points per game and eight rebounds per game. (Photo by Paul Pruet)

Did You Know...

...As of February 16, 1987, Providence College was the only school to have both men's and women's basketball teams listed in the top five in the country in scoring...The women were fourth (averaging 85 ppg) and the men were fifth (averaging 87.8 ppg).

In the 13 years of the women's basketball program at Providence, the Lady Friars have never had a losing season against New England opponents... The 1984-85 season was the only .500 season (6-6). Since head coach Bob Foley came on the scene two years ago, PC is 20-1 against New England competition... The only loss against a New Englander in the last two years was in this year's Big East Tourney where PC lost to Boston College, 64-63.

Final Regular Season Statistics

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS (1986-87)																			
WON	22	Lost	7	BIG EAST (12-4)		H 11-1		A 9-3		N 3-3									
	GP	PTS	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	ORB	TR	REB	AVG	A	ST	TO	BLK	PF	TP	AV
BURKE	22-5	220	585	571	134	162	827	87	128	215	12	7.7	34	16	73	25	43	574	20
Big East	15-13	114	202	364	70	88	795	47	85	132	12	8.8	18	11	46	17	29	298	19
SABLE	22-28	139	327	423	141	188	780	47	63	112	8	4.0	199	49	6	29	419	14	14
Big East	16-16	65	163	239	78	100	780	23	36	61	8	3.8	116	27	46	3	25	208	13
KEYNOLDS	27-26	114	248	460	31	48	646	17	29	46	3	1.7	90	39	39	2	17	259	9
Big East	16-15	74	150	493	21	32	656	7	18	25	3	1.6	52	24	38	1	17	169	10
FERGUSON	29-4	96	183	525	76	95	800	79	88	167	12	5.8	15	16	29	1	17	268	5
Big East	26-2	56	109	314	43	81	843	39	44	83	11	5.2	4	10	12	5	17	155	5
MANGUM	29-20	109	196	356	48	77	623	83	141	226	13	7.8	22	29	67	32	24	266	5
Big East	16-14	61	113	540	32	51	627	47	83	123	13	8.8	13	21	44	19	24	154	5
JESSE	29-2	77	179	430	8	15	533	15	26	41	6	1.4	28	30	28	11	20	162	5
Big East	16-0	35	95	364	5	7	714	9	14	23	5	1.4	20	17	18	4	12	75	4
VAN GHEEM	29-14	49	102	480	31	37	838	38	55	93	10	3.2	11	4	21	4	19	129	4
Big East	16-12	14	49	286	12	15	806	16	35	51	10	3.2	10	4	12	8	9	40	2
BATARAN	28-0	41	91	451	34	48	4750	19	31	50	6	1.8	34	15	36	3	13	115	4
Big East	16-0	28	61	459	22	28	846	13	19	32	6	2.0	22	11	30	2	13	78	4
HARRELL	26-11	41	86	477	21	31	677	15	27	42	6	1.6	68	12	40	4	12	103	3
Big East	14-3	13	37	351	8	13	615	6	11	15	2	1.1	32	3	18	3	11	34	2
LAIDL	25-9	28	52	538	14	24	583	23	23	46	8	1.8	6	2	13	3	10	70	7
Big East	12-1	11	25	440	8	12	667	9	7	16	8	1.3	3	1	7	1	10	30	7
COVIELLO	22-0	26	47	353	6	16	375	11	16	27	6	1.2	6	9	14	0	7	58	1
Big East	14-0	4	15	350	4	9	444	4	10	14	4	1.0	4	3	8	0	6	32	1
LYONS	8-0	5	15	333	5	7	714	4	3	7	3	0.9	4	0	3	0	6	13	1
Big East	7-0	3	11	273	3	5	600	2	2	4	1	0.6	1	0	2	0	3	9	1
Team Rebounds	123																		
Team Rebounds (Conf)	67																		
Opp. Team Rebounds	114																		
Conf. Opp. Team Rebounds	66																		
PC TOTALS	29	945	1911	495	548	744	233	439	625	1187	409	518	222	482	101	124	2438		
Big East	19	688	1040	469	306	409	748	220	376	603	269	318	222	281	58	88	1282		
PC OPP.	29	919	1831	442	469	708	662	393	544	1051	362	430	215	536	69	93	2107		
Big East	16	612	1015	435	266	404	658	184	336	596	366	237	132	293	34	90	1150		

Dead Ball Rebounds: PC- 83 (Big East-49) Opp.-100 (Big East- 61)

*Stats include games through BIG EAST Conference Tournament semifinal round as of March 2, 1987.

Lady Friars Get Invite

to 1987 WNIT

After registering its second 20-plus win season in two years, the Lady Friar basketball team (22-7) has accepted an invitation to the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT) in Amarillo, Texas at the Civic Center Complex in Amarillo, March 19-21.

As of this reporting, the eight-team tournament field includes Creighton University (Omaha, Nebraska), De Paul University (Chicago, Illinois), University of California-Berkeley (Berkeley, California), University of Montana (Missoula, Montana), Stephen F. Austin State University (Nacogdoches, Texas), Appalachian State University (Boone,

North Carolina), Providence College and another team yet to be determined.

The Lady Friars are the first-over team from New England and the BIG EAST Conference to be invited to this prestigious women's tournament. All teams will be seeded and the event guarantees three games.

That WNIT participants are Kentucky, UCLA, Old Dominion, Long Beach State, Notre Dame, University of Texas, Florida State, Virginia, Georgia and the University of Southern California.

The tournament is sponsored by the WNIT Sports Commission and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

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Some Sports Shorts...

Burke on a Roll. Senior tri-captain and all-American candidate Mary Burke will enter the WNIT next weekend in Amarillo, Texas as the Lady Friars No. 2 all-time leading scorer with 1,600 points...Burke, who began the season with 1,026 points, picked up a whopping 574 points this year giving her a career average of 14.3 ppg in 112 games...She led the team all year long with a 20-plus points per game average, at one point in the season averaging 24.5 ppg. Her 215 rebounds this year, put her fifth in career rebounds (715 total).

Able Sable. The Lady Friars second senior tri-captain and second all-American candidate Doris Sable, making record-setting scoring inroads of her own this year, picked up 112 points...That gave her a career total of 1,305 points, good enough for the No. 4 spot...The team's No. 1 point guard and main proponent of the fastbreak, Sable also dished out a total 199 assists this year...She has led the BIG EAST in assists for the last two years...In the recent PC-BC semifinal of the BIG EAST tournament, Sable's 10 assists gave her undisputed rule as the No. 1 all-time assist leader at PC with 577 surpassing Lynn Sheedy (577).

Good Skates. PC's Lady Friar ice hockey team took it on the chin, 2-1, against Northeastern in the semifinals of the ECAC Women's Ice Hockey Championships in Durham, NH...PC, who entered

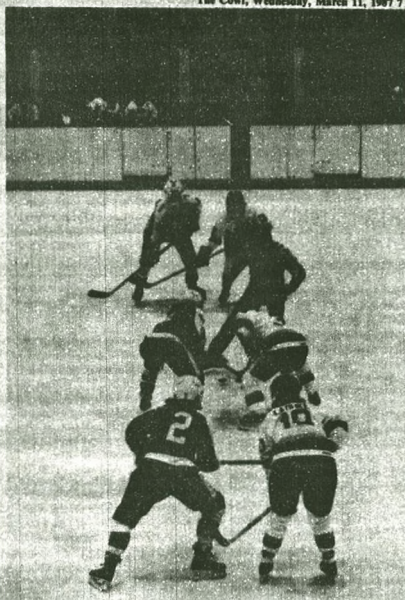
the tournament with a 2-1 record over the Huskies this year, finished the season 15-7-1...Heather Laduke scored PC's only goal against the Huskies...Senior Friars fourth trip to the ECAC's in four years, they won back-to-back titles, 1983 and 1984...Top goal scorers: Heather Linstad (19 goals, 15 assists); Lisa Brown (17 goals, 16 assists); Laduke (12 goals, 17 assists) and Kelly O'Leary (14 goals, 9 assists).

Women on Track. Three members of the Lady Friar indoor track team participated in the ECAC Indoor Championships at Yale... In the 3000 meter run freshman Chris Crowley finished fourth with a personal best time of 9:41.6 while Tina Moloney took seventh with 9:44.0, two seconds off her best time...Another freshman Irishwoman Jacqui Stokes finished ninth in the long jump with 18' 9"...Stokes' best distance was 19' 2" in the Greater Boston Invitation at Harvard earlier this season.

A Step Ahead. While the women competed in the ECAC's, three members of the Friars indoor track team participated in the IC4A Indoor Championships in Princeton, New Jersey... In the 1000 meter run, Mike Scanlon (Walpole, Ma) took fifth with 2:27.0...Scanlon, a walk-on addition to this year's squad, took fifth place at the BIG EAST Championships in that event with the identical time of 2:27.0...In the one mile (1500

meter) run, Bill Mullaney ran to a personal best time of 4:10.4...Mulaney, another freshman, won the mile at the New England's in 3:49.7, just four seconds off the standard qualifying time for the NCAA's...Co-captain Ed Hanratty took sixth in his specialty the 3000 meter run with a time of 8:20.2...Hanratty qualified for the IC4A's running a brilliant 8:06 in the New England's at Bates College last weekend.

New Wave. At the men's New England Swimming and Diving Championships at Springfield College, Providence finished 14th in a sea of 34 teams with 214 points...For PC, it was the team's first-ever trip to the New England's...Head Coach John O'Neill's seven swimmers and one diver was the smallest school entry there...All Friar swimmers scored in the 24 spots...The results: Wayne Bowden finished third in both the 500 freestyle (8:45.23) and 1650 freestyle (16:28.91) and eighth in the 400 individual medley (4:16.04)...Paul Soligon finished second in the 100 butterfly (52.77)...Chris Wood took 16th in the 100 backstroke (57.02) and 24th in the 200 backstroke (2:07.12)...Trent Theriot took 20th in the 100 backstroke (57.25) and Pat Sears finished 13th and 11th, respectively off the 1 meter and 3 meter diving board...In the 800 freestyle relay, the team of Bowden, Soligon, Mike Ruggiero and John Holbrook finished 11th (7:17.77).



The Lady Friar Hockey team finished third in the ECAC. Please see related story on page 8. (Photo by Steve Dooley).

MORE WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL STATISTICS

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE LADY FRIAR BASKETBALL FINAL — SEASON — RESULTS

AS OF 3/4/87

22 WINS, 7 LOSSES (OVERALL): 12 WINS, 4 LOSSES (BIG EAST) Home 11-1; Away 8-3; Neutral 3-3

PC	OPP	High Scorer	High Rebounder
*70 Tennessee	86	T-Sable/Burke 13	T-Hanigan 17
*74 Boston Univ.	90	T-Sable/Reynolds 15	G-Ferguson 12
103 Northeastern	93	T-Burke 29	T-Burke 8
90 DELAWARE	58	G-Sable 16	G-Hanigan 9
102 *MIAH (OHIO)	91	G-Burke 47	T-Burke/Hanigan 7
119 RHODE ISLAND	81	G-Burke 22	G-Burke/Van Ghee 7
88 *SETON HALL	82	T-Sable 20	T-Burke 10
124 SIENA	69	T-Burke 23	G-Ferguson 12
*73 *Jms. Madison	90	G-Sable 29	T-Hanigan 8
80 *UCONN	83	G-Sable 20	T-Ferguson 9
*74 *St. John's	77	G-Burke 27	G-Burke 11
90 *UCONN	56	T-Hanigan 24	G-Hanigan 10
*80 Villanova	90	T-Sable 25	G-Hanigan 10
73 *SYRACUSE	70	G-Burke 28	T-Burke 12
86 *Georgetown	54	G-Ferguson 17	G-Hanigan 13
73 *Boston Col.	72	G-Burke 26	T-Hanigan 11
73 *Seton Hall	49	G-Burke 14	G-Burke 9
107 BROWN UNIV.	69	G-Van Ghee 19	T-Ferguson 10
103 *Pittsburgh	68	G-Burke 23	T-Van Ghee 10
*71 *ST. JOHN'S	78	G-Burke 24	G-Burke/Hanigan 12
76 *UCONN	67	T-Burke 17	T-Burke 11
*67 *VILLANOVA	65	T-Ferguson/Reynolds 14	G-Ferguson 11
*63 *Syracuse	87	G-Burke 23	G-Burke 12
80 Holy Cross	75	G-Burke 31	G-Burke 9
87 *GEORGETOWN	41	T-Ferguson/Reynolds 16	G-Hanigan 5
87 *BOSTON COLL.	86	T-Sable 20	G-Burke 9
96 *PITTSBURGH	78	T-Burke 15	T-Hanigan/Ferguson 8
*71 *Georgetown	56	G-Sable 20	G-Hanigan 13
*63 *Boston Col.	64	G-Burke 21	T-Burke 8

(Key): *Hawkeye Classic, 3rd; *Lady Friar Coca-Cola Classic, 1st; *La Salle University Invitational, 3rd; *BIG EAST Conference games; **BIG EAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT. Notes: Home games in solid caps; I indicates team high; G indicates game high.

Gallagher Goes National

Shobhan Gallagher of Ballyshannon, Ireland and a freshman member on the Lady Friar indoor track team is the lone Providence runner bound for the NCAA indoor track meet at the University of Oklahoma, March 13-14.

Gallagher, who has had an outstanding indoor season for a new recruit, has established two new school records this year—in the 800 meters (2:14.8) at the RITAC meet and in the 1500 meter run (4:31.8) at the Boston College Open in December.

The former Irish School's cross-country champion qualified for the NCAA indoor tournament during the New England Championships at Boston University. She finished second in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:21.7, a personal best for

her in that event.

A member of head coach Ray Treacy's cross-country team as well, Gallagher was PC's only female to qualify for the NCAA cross-country tournament in Tucson, Arizona late November. At the BIG EAST Conference Indoor Championships in Syracuse this year, the Irishwoman was instrumental in helping her trackmates to a fourth place finish.

At the BIG EAST tournament, the Providence women finished third in the distance medley with an overall time of 4:46.9, setting a new school record as well as qualifying the team for the ECAC Championships. Gallagher, who ran the third leg of that event (1200 meters), did it in 3:29.0, the second fastest split time ever in a BIG EAST Championship.



Shobhan Gallagher. (Photo by Thomas F. McGuire, Jr.)

Friars Face Maine In Hockey East Quarterfinals

by Pat Nero

Despite getting pounded 9-3 by Boston College, the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey team slid into the Hockey East Playoffs this past weekend. Six of seven Hockey East teams make the playoffs, and with a 7-22-3 record, the Friars finished with 17 points, four more points than last place finisher UNH.

UNH had a chance to tie the Friars for sixth place last week but was swept by Northeastern, allowing the Friars to sneak into the playoffs. The Friars will face off against the Maine Black Bears this evening (Wed. March 11) at 7:30 pm. The game will be played at Alford Arena on the University of Maine campus, it will be televised back to Providence by the New England Sports Network cable station.

In a new Hockey East playoff format, the top two regular season teams get a first round bye into the

semifinals. The remaining four teams play off for the other two spots in the semifinals, the seventh place team is eliminated. The top two teams this year were Boston College and Lowell. Maine finished third and will host the sixth seeded Friars. Boston University finished fourth and hosted Northeastern last night.

The Semifinals will be played on Sunday, March 15th at the Boston Garden. The first game will be played at 6:00pm, it will feature Lowell versus the quarterfinal winner who finished highest this year. The second game will take place at 8:30 and will pit BC against the quarterfinal winner who had the least points this season. What all this means to PC is that if they upset Maine they will have to play BC at 8:30.

The finals will also be in the Garden. They will be Monday, March 16, at 7:35. The winners of the semifinals will vie for the championship. There will not be a consolation game.

The Friars have faced Maine four times this season. During the first weekend of November the teams split a pair of games. On the first night the Black Bears pounced on the Friars to the tune of 12-1. The next night, PC had probably its' biggest win of the season as they came back to defeat Maine 4-2.

The teams split another pair of games in late January. On the first night the Friars beat the Black Bears 4-2 behind a Gord Cruickshank hat trick. The next night Maine nipped the Friars 4-3, once again Maine could not control Cruickshank as he notched two goals.

Boston College has taken all four games from the Friars so far this season. PC did take the Eagles to overtime the first time they met this season but BC won the other three games quite handily.

Cruickshank ended the regular season as the Friars leading scorer with 28 goals and 16 assists for 44 points, good enough for eighth in Hockey East.



Senior Andy Calcione hopes to continue his career a few more games. The skating friars will face Maine in Bangor this evening in the opening round of the Hockey East Playoff. (Photo by Steve Dooley)

Lady Friars Bow to Northeastern Finish Third in ECAC's

by Marie Pellegrino

The PC Women's Ice Hockey team traveled to UNH this past weekend and suffered a disappointing 2-1 loss to Northeastern in an ECAC semi-final contest. The defeat marked the second consecutive year the Lady Friars have failed to make the championship game. Last season they also lost to Northeastern.

Once again PC had to qualify for the final four, by defeating St. Lawrence University 3-0 on February 28. In that game the Lady Friars put together one of their better team efforts, and goals by Lisa Brown and Heather Linstad put PC on the road to Durham and the Final Four.

"We played fairly well against St. Lawrence," commented freshman Lori Blair. "It was a big win personally, because a lot of people from back home were here cheering us on," continued the Massena, N.Y. native. "And it's always nice beating a school that's

practically in your backyard."

The win over St. Lawrence earned the Lady Friars their fourth consecutive trip to the final four to face Northeastern. PC and NU split four games this season. "We knew this would be a tough game," sighed freshman Debbie Barnhill. "But we deserved to win." Indeed the Lady Friars did outplay their opponents, but undisciplined play in the second period came back to haunt them. "We had to play our game for three periods, and it just didn't happen," stated junior Colleen McKellan. "When you play someone else's style, you can get yourself into trouble real quick," she continued.

That is apparently what did happen, as PC tried to outmuscle a bigger NU team, and there attempts were somewhat foolish as they took some costly penalties. "You can't play Northeastern short-handed or four on four," commented a disgruntled PC coach, John Marchetti. "Their first goal came right

after we finished killing a penalty and the second goal was during a four on four situation. It's really disappointing to see our team in the stands watching a championship game in women's collegiate hockey. But, I'm very pleased with the overall effort this team gave. They could have rolled over when they were trailing 2-0, but they fought back, and that's the important thing... they never gave up!"

PC had fallen behind 2-0 after two periods and came out storming in the third, as Heather Linstad scored in the opening minute. "It looked like we were on our way," said senior Lori Marotta. "But we just couldn't get the tying goal, no matter how hard we tried. It's frustrating! Especially for me, because it was my last game." continued the Natick Mass. native. "I wish I had another year, because this team(PC) can be awesome!"

Perhaps. But for yet another year the Lady Friars will have to wait for the chance to win it all.

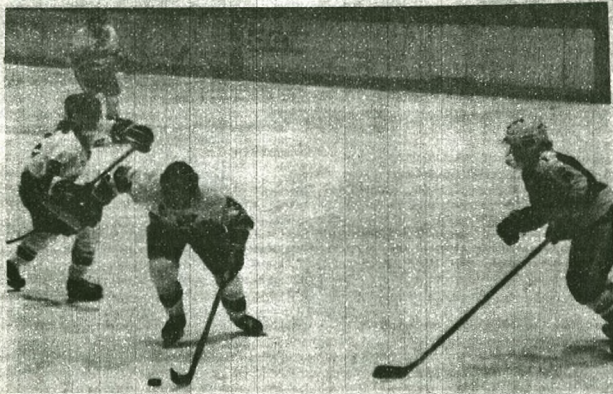


FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Boston College	26	6	0	52
Lowell	20	10	2	42
Maine	19	12	1	39
Boston University	15	14	3	33
Northeastern	11	18	3	25
Providence	7	22	3	17
New Hampshire	5	24	3	13

HOCKEY EAST PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

- March 10: Northeastern (12-20-3) at Boston University (19-14-3) 7:35
- March 11: Providence (7-22-3) at Maine (22-13-2) 7:35
- March 15: Boston Garden - Lowell (22-11-2) vs Highest Quarterfinal Winner 6:00
- Boston College (28-7-0) vs. Lowest Quarterfinal Winner 8:30
- March 16: Boston Garden - Championship Game 7:35



The Women's Ice Hockey Team fell short of its goal to be national champions as Northeastern beat them 2-4. (Photo by Steve Dooley)

WCHA

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
North Dakota	29	6	0	58
Minnesota	25	9	1	51
Denver	16	16	3	35
Wisconsin	17	17	1	35
Northern Michigan	16	18	1	33
Colorado College	12	22	1	25
Michigan Tech	11	23	1	23
Minnesota-Duluth	11	23	1	23

First Round WCHA Playoff Results

Two Game, Total Goal Series

- North Dakota 13 - Minnesota-Duluth 4
- Minnesota 17 - Michigan Tech 9
- Colorado College 7 - Denver 4
- Wisconsin 10 - Northern Michigan 4

Semi-Finals This Week

Two Game, Total Goal Series

- Colorado College at North Dakota
- Wisconsin at Minnesota